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Date: Thu, 1 Oct 2015 09:54:22 -0700

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Dear Colleagues,

I'm delighted to share the news that Washington State University is searching for a tenure-track assistant or associate professor in scientific, technical, or professional communication.

I've included the full job ad below, but it is also available online:

<https://www.wsujobs.com/postings/21469>.

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The Department of English at Washington State University invites applications for a nine-month, full-time, tenure-track position in Technical Communication on the Vancouver campus, at the rank of either Assistant or Associate Professor, to begin August 16, 2016. The position requires a commitment to research and teaching scientific, technical, or professional communication within a department that is actively enhancing interdisciplinary connections between the humanities and sciences at both the undergraduate and graduate level. It also offers the opportunity to contribute to growing, multi-disciplinary programs in digital technology, culture, and media.

Teaching load is 2-2 with teaching at both the undergraduate and graduate level. Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. Benefits are competitive and initial summer research support is normally available.

JOB DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Duties include establishing a substantial research trajectory leading to publication, contributing to the growth of the professional and technical writing program, overseeing the professional writing certificate, collaborating with colleagues across campuses regarding STEM initiatives, teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in English, and mentoring undergraduate and graduate students. In addition, the occupant of the position will be expected to contribute to campus, university, and departmental governance, as well as professional, state, and national communities in ways appropriate to training and rank.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

1. PhD in Technical Communication, Rhetoric and Composition, English, or a closely related field by the hire date;
2. Evidence of a productive research program appropriate to projected rank;
3. Evidence of ability to teach successfully at the college level and mentor students from diverse backgrounds;
4. Commitment to campus diversity efforts (<http://admin.vancouver.wsu.edu/office-chancellor/wsu-vancouver-strategic-plan>).
5. To be considered for Associate Professor, must have demonstrated record of scholarship and teaching appropriate to this rank, and at least 6 years as an assistant professor or equivalent.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Demonstrated expertise in sub-disciplinary areas of science and technology, technology and culture, or rhetorics of science.
2. Record of research commensurate with appointment at the advanced assistant or early associate rank.
3. Evidence of interdisciplinary collaboration across disciplines or programs.
4. Demonstrated record in academic program administration or industry in areas related to the position.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Applicants should apply online through WSU Human Resources (<https://www.wsujobs.com>) and be prepared to upload:

1. A cover letter addressing research and teaching qualifications and interests (3-page maximum)
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Writing sample (25 pages maximum)
4. Three (3) professional letters of recommendation addressing your qualifications relative to this position (Submit under References during the application process; letters will be automatically requested and obtained from the reference provided through the WSU online application system.).

For full consideration applications must be complete (including required

letters of recommendation) by *October 30, 2015*. Letters of reference will be automatically requested and obtained from the reference provided through the WSU online application system. Direct inquiries via email (wmolson@wsu.edu) to Dr. Wendy Olson, Search Committee Chair.

Washington State University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action educator and employer. Members of ethnic minorities, women, special disabled veterans, veterans of the Vietnam-era, recently separated veterans, and other protected veterans, persons of disability and/or persons age 40 and over are encouraged to apply. WSU is committed to excellence through diversity, has faculty friendly policies including a partner accommodation program, and a NSF ADVANCE Institutional Transformation grant ([http://]www.excelinse.wsu.edu/ <<http://www.excelinse.wsu.edu/>>).

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Having read the postings before I went to my tech editing (undergraduate/graduate) class, I told my students about the postings and then asked for response. Out of the 11 students in class today, 10 said that learning to edit by working on hard copy was necessary; 1 student abstained.

One student commented that editing on screen was hard on the eyes; she also said that it was easy to lose her place with on-screen editing. (She's one of the seven undergraduates who've had my undergraduate introductory editing class.)

In both the undergraduate class and the undergraduate/graduate class, I teach students how to edit on hard copy and how to rely on what I call the "tricks of the trade," which I learned decades ago as a technical editor at Sperry Corporation: finding out or establishing the level of edit for a document (as editor, what are you looking for?); making multiple passes over a document, looking for only one thing at a time; and keeping a style sheet, on which you record your choices. Teaching students how to edit via hard copy allows me to show them more "tricks" to help them improve their ability to concentrate: laying a piece of paper over the line of text being worked on, working from the bottom of the page up, etc.

In the class after tech editing (Advanced Editing), we start using Track Changes and Comments. But by that time, undergraduate students have had two semesters of hardcopy editing; graduate students have had one.

In answer to the question, "Does learning to edit hardcopy teach students anything they can't learn through electronic techniques alone?" I'd say "Yes: the ability to concentrate and to make multiple passes (and in each pass focusing on one thing [parallelism? modifier problems?]).

*My *question is this: How do you train (literally) students to concentrate when they're editing on screen? I ask this question sincerely; it's hard enough to get students to concentrate on hard copy, multitaskers that they think they are, let alone soft copy. And with the push to get classes on line (including editing classes), I would very much like to know how you instill in students the ability to concentrate when they're editing on line.

Thanks in advance for your responses--what a great conversation topic.

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>> Thanks for sharing your thoughts, Rick.
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>> You may be right that students are more careful when they edit on paper,
>> but I'd like to see some research that supports that thesis. Most of my
>> students don't read carefully, whether paper or electronic pages, so
>> careful proofreading is doubly problematic.
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>> or the Comment function of Adobe Acrobat Pro. Those are the products I use

>> in my own editorial work and the products other editors are using. (Let's

>> mention InDesign, too, depending on the Level of Edit).

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>> hand with the traditional proofreading symbols. That might be

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>> on the screen tend to jump out when they are on paper.

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>> (Note: Look at your local newspaper, which is probably proofread

>> on-screen. You will see an amazing number of errors in everything from the

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